DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in

37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible

for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has

been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37

CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/12/2009 has been entered.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Jay Q. Knobloch (Reg. No. 57,347) on 8 July 2009.

This application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 5 – 8 and 15.

Replace claim 1 and 9 as follows.

Claim 1:

A method for accessing a data processing system that is formed from data processing units that are networked to one another comprises:

configuring a processor to perform:

providing a first authentication that authenticates a system administrator,

authenticating the system administrator on a first data processing unit by transferring the first authentication to an authentication program,

providing a second authentication that authenticates a system technician:

authenticating the system technician on a second data processing unit by transferring the second authentication to the authentication program and generating an identification information item that identifies the carrier of the second authentication, the first data processing unit being remote from the second data processing unit,

displaying the identification information item on the first data processing unit of the system administrator,

enabling the access authorization after checking whether the first authentication and second authentication are authenticated at the same time:

enabling access authorization to the system technician when the first authentication is authenticated at the first data processing unit and the second authentication is authenticated at the second data processing unit, and

automatic triggering a function that generates and stores a log file that logs the activity of the system technician on the data processing system.

CLAIM 9:

A method for accessing a data processing system that is formed from data processing units that are networked to one another comprises:

configuring a processor to perform:

providing a first authentication that authenticates a system administrator,

authenticating the system administrator on a first data processing unit by transferring the first authentication to an authentication program,

providing a second authentication that authenticates a system technician,

authenticating the system technician on a second data processing unit by transferring the second authentication to the authentication program and generating an identification information item that identifies the carrier of the second authentication, the first data processing unit being remote from the second data processing unit,

displaying the identification information item on the first data processing unit of the system administrator,

enabling the access authorization after checking whether the first authentication and second authentication are authenticated at the same time; and

enabling access authorization to the system technician when the first authentication and second authentication are authenticated at the same time and triggering of a function that generates and stores a log file that logs the activity of the system technician on the data processing system,

wherein the enabling of an access authorization is done via the system administrator by manually triggering a function that is provided for this purpose in the authentication program, and can be accessed exclusively by the system administrator.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 4, 9 – 14 and 16 – 17 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations recited in claims 1 and 9 (& associated dependent claims).

The present invention is directed to a method for accessing a data processing system that is formed from data processing units that are networked to one another. No singular art disclosing, nor motivation to combine has been found, to anticipate or render obvious the claimed invention of providing a first authentication that authenticates a system administrator, authenticating the system administrator on a first data processing unit by transferring the first authentication to an authentication program, providing a second authentication that authenticates a system technician: authenticating the system technician on a second data processing unit by transferring the second authentication to the authentication program and generating an identification information item that identifies the carrier of the second authentication, the first data processing unit being remote from the second data processing unit, displaying the identification information item on the first data processing unit of the system administrator, enabling the access authorization after checking whether the first authentication and second authentication are authenticated at the same time; enabling access authorization to the system technician when the first authentication is authenticated at the first data processing unit and the second authentication is authenticated at the second data processing unit.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LONGBIT CHAI whose telephone number is (571)272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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